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ADOPT-A-FAMILY of the Palm Beaches, Inc.

AUGUST 2021

SPECIAL EDITION: JULIAN PLACE

\$500,000 MATCH GRANT OFFERED FOR JULIAN PLACE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Adopt-A-Family launched the *Hope Begins with a Home* capital campaign in 2017 with a goal to raise \$6.6 million for Julian Place, our innovative new housing program. Through the provision of long-term affordable housing and thorough support services, Julian Place was designed to improve children's educational outcomes and stabilize low-income families.

Thanks to our generous donors and foundation partners, we raised an incredible \$5.5 million by early 2020. Adopt-A-Family completed the construction of Julian Place's 14 townhomes and community center in June of 2020, and in July, the first family moved in.

Despite the pandemic interrupting the campaign's momentum, Adopt-A-Family is thrilled to launch the final phase of fundraising with an exciting announcement: Longtime agency supporter, Ms. Nancy Kyle, recently pledged \$500,000 as a match grant to propel us toward our campaign goal!



Every contribution will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$500,000. We are grateful for all Nancy and her family have done to ensure the long-term success of Julian Place.

The final \$1.1 million will fund all operating

expenses of Julian Place through 2027. The program's expenses include case management, financial literacy training, mental health services, job coaching, academic advising, mentoring for teenagers, a laptop lab, building maintenance, and five years of professional program evaluation. Many of the support services provided at Julian Place will be available to all agency residents.

Julian Place was founded on the premise that long-term stable housing will significantly increase academic success and family outcomes. Meeting the goal of our capital campaign will demonstrate Adopt-A-Family's wholehearted commitment to the program's mission and longevity.

If you are interested in supporting our *Hope Begins with a Home* capital campaign, please contact CEO Matt Constantine at (561) 253-1362 or visit our campaign webpage: aafpb.org > HOPE BEGINS WITH A HOME > DONATE NOW



DONOR RECOGNITION MURAL

The Julian Place donor recognition mural is finished and on display in Adopt-A-Family's Lake Worth office. A large replica of the painting is displayed in the Jayne and Tim Donahue Community Center as well. Commissioned from Lake Worth artist Sami Makela, the artwork represents the community of families that the program will serve. The suns, stars, and flowers on the mural are filled with the names of donors who generously helped Julian Place come to life by donating at least \$1,000. We look forward to adding more names to the mural in the months ahead.

YEAR ONE AT JULIAN PLACE

The 17 adults, 32 children, and two service animals who currently live in Julian Place have filled the campus with life and excitement. Thirteen of the fourteen townhomes are now occupied, and we expect the final family to join the program this fall.

The majority of the 19 Highland Elementary students living in Julian Place are enrolled in our Project

Grow afterschool program. The teenagers have all been linked to our new Youth Success Coach. On the weekends, the students can be found riding bikes in the fenced-in parking lot or playing games on the grass outside the community center while their parents chat.

The adults at Julian Place have embraced the program's services as well. Eleven parents are engaged in our Job Coach Program, and one client recently secured a new job as a result of her participation in the



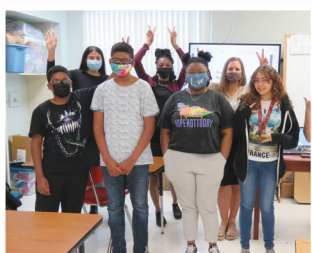
program. Eight adults enrolled in school this fall, and the agency is helping them access scholarships. All residents meet with the Program Manager regularly, and many have engaged with the agency's mental health therapist as well.

Highland Elementary continues to identify potential residents and meet the individual needs of each student. BRIDGES at Highland

provides parenting and enrichment classes to the residents, PNC Bank conducted a financial literacy course, and a six-week nutrition class was offered in partnership with the University of Florida and the Palm Beach County Food Bank.

Adopt-A-Family is grateful for the opportunity to provide housing and hope to low-income households, and we look forward to watching Julian Place families thrive.

NEW YOUTH SUCCESS PROGRAM



A program to serve Adopt-A-Family's middle and high school students has been on the agency's wish list for many years. Thanks to the kindness of a very special family, we launched a new initiative to target this population in 2021.

The Youth Success Program provides tutoring, guidance, enrichment activities, and academic advising for the teenagers of Adopt-A-Family. The program kicked off the summer with a family BBQ and has offered classes on topics including better money habits (pictured above), interview skills, local magnet programs, and college preparation.

The Jayne and Tim Donahue Community Center at Julian Place is the perfect venue for the program. Equipped with a laptop lab, video game station, and homework tables, the community center provides space for students to interact with each other and the Youth Success Coach. Homework help is offered on a weekly basis, and there are private rooms for tutoring and therapy.

The Youth Success Program gives vulnerable young adults the opportunity to envision and take steps toward a brighter future.

PROFESSIONAL EVALUATION OF JULIAN PLACE

Julian Place was modeled after the McCarver Elementary School Housing Assistance Program, a groundbreaking program in Tacoma, WA. For five years, the program provided housing for 68 homeless families so that educational outcomes for their children could improve. The program earned the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which funded five years of third-party program evaluation. Geo Education and Research (Geo) was hired to evaluate McCarver, and they published a comprehensive report on all program outcomes.



In an effort to thoroughly measure the impact of Julian Place, Adopt-A-Family hired Geo to complete a similar evaluation. Geo will collect and analyze all program data and outcomes for five years. They will produce a report at the end of each year.

Adopt-A-Family firmly believes that the reports will chronicle Julian Place's evolution to an evidenced-based model that can be replicated in other communities.

The 2020 Progress Report is available on our website: aafpb.org > HOPE BEGINS WITH A HOME > YOUR IMPACT

A VISION BECOMES A REALITY: THE JULIAN PLACE TIMELINE

2014

- Adopt-A-Family inquires about vacant land adjacent to its campus
- Longtime agency donor funds purchase of four-lot parcel

2015

- Blighted structures on the tract are demolished
- Community needs assessment begins



2017

- Preliminary plans created for Julian Place
- Capital campaign launches, with \$6.6 million goal
- Lead gift of \$1,000,000 followed by two \$500,000 gifts



2018

- Groundbreaking ceremony (November)

2020

- Construction is completed (April)
- Julian Place name is announced, in honor of lead donors' grandson
- First family moves in (July)
- Case management begins



2021

- Jayne and Tim Donahue Center open to clients
- Youth Success Program launches for middle and high school students
- Professional evaluation and data collection continues
- Full occupancy achieved (estimated September 2021)



THANK YOU!

To every Adopt-A-Family supporter who believed in the hope and the vision of this project from the start, we offer our deepest thanks. We are equally grateful to every new friend who is joining the movement to guarantee that Julian Place is equipped to serve children and their families for years to come. You are invited to contact Adopt-A-Family CEO Matthew Constantine (561-253-1362 or mconstantine@aafpbcc.org) to learn more.



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